

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2009

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Chairman of Finance
Gloria Alitto Majewski, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan, Vice-President Kathleen
Therese Meany, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore,
President Terrence J. O'Brien*

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

Call Meeting to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Frank Avila; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Kathleen Therese Meany; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; and Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton; and Barbara J. McGowan

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:40 a.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee**Report**

- 1 [09-0008](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2008, in the amount of \$40,668,437.07
Published and Filed
- 2 [09-0014](#) Report on investments purchased during December 2008
Published and Filed
- 3 [09-0015](#) Report on the investment interest income during December 2008
Published and Filed
- 4 [09-0016](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds on January 1, 2009
Published and Filed
- 5 [09-0030](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2008
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 6 [09-0021](#) Authority to transfer 2008 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$630,000.00 in the Corporate Fund (*As Revised*)
Approved
- 7 [09-0025](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$254,400,000.00 from the Corporate Working Cash Fund to Finance Corporate Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2009, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e
Approved
- 8 [09-0026](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$12,700,000.00 from the Construction Working Cash Fund to Finance Construction Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2009, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e
Approved
- 9 [09-0027](#) Authority to Transfer up to \$8,400,000.00 from the Stormwater Management Working Cash Fund to Finance Stormwater Management Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2009, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e
Approved
- 10 [09-0046](#) Authorization to revise scope of work and estimate for contract 04-201-4F, Tollway Dam, Grout Curtain and Quarry Plugs, Thornton Composite Reservoir, from \$29,000,000.00 to \$122,000,000.00, Account 401-50000-645620
Approved
- 11 [09-0047](#) Authority to delete contract 05-208-4F, Ground Water Protection System, Thornton Composite Reservoir from the Engineering Department Capital Improvement Program and the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, estimated cost of the contract is \$37,000,000.00
Approved

Purchasing Committee

Report

- 12 [09-0063](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Published and Filed
- 13 [09-0080](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 09-670-11, Preventative Maintenance and Repair of Debris and Pontoon Boats at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$264,000.00
Published and Filed

- 14 [09-0081](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 06-157-3P, Diffuser Plates Replacement Batteries C & D at Stickney Water Reclamation Plants, Stickney, Illinois, estimated cost \$17,000,000.00

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 15 [09-0104](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Published and Filed

- 16 [09-0107](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 08-883-12 (Rebid), Replace Gratings and Supports in Batteries A and B at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$264,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 17 [09-0050](#) Authorization to amend the board transmittal letter for Authority to advertise Contract 09-670-11 Preventative Maintenance and Repair of Debris and Pontoon Boats at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Account 101-66000-612790, Requisition 1252105

Approved

- 18 [09-0055](#) Authorization for payment to Wellesley Information Services for registration fees for twenty-three employees in various departments to attend various functional and technical SAP Conferences, in an amount not to exceed \$48,875.00, Accounts 101-11000-601100, 101-25000-601100, 101-27000-601100 and 101-40000-601100

Approved

- 19 [09-0066](#) Authorization to forfeit Contract 08-009-11 Furnish and Deliver Cloths, Paper Towels, and Toilet Tissue to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group C to Atlas & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$18,314.00, Account 101-20000-623660

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 20 [09-0040](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-825-11 Replace Sludge Pumps and Modify Piping at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$300,000.00, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1258258

Approved

- 21 [09-0068](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-626-11 Security Services at the Lockport Powerhouse, estimated cost \$202,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1263259

Approved

- 22 [09-0069](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-646-11 Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, estimated cost \$1,960,250.00, Account 501-50000-612600, Requisition 1264091
Approved
- 23 [09-0071](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-727-11 Services to Upgrade H.V.A.C. Control Equipment in the Process Control Building at the North Side Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$20,000.00, Account 101-67000-612680, Requisition 1264131
Approved
- 24 [09-0072](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-935-11 Furnish, Deliver, and Install Station Batteries in the Dewatering Building at the Mainstream Pumping Station, estimated cost \$35,000.00, Account 101-69000-612600, Requisition 1253623
Approved
- 25 [09-0090](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-921-11 Blower Motor Rehabilitation for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$700,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1262542
Approved
- 26 [09-0102](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-694-11 Truck Hauling of Direct Haul Centrifuge Cake from the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Biosolids from LASMA to Various Locations, estimated cost \$350,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1254275
Approved
- 27 [09-0108](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-761-11 Masonry Repairs at the North Side Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$720,000.00, Account 101-67000-612680, Requisition 1256322.
Approved
- 28 [09-0120](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-666-11 Native Prairie Landscape Installation and Maintenance at Various Service Areas, estimated cost \$573,200.00, Account 101-67000/68000/69000-612420, Requisitions 1263245, 1256429, 1264135, 1263285, 1264052, and 1257529 *(As Revised)*
Approved
- 29 [09-0121](#) Authority to advertise Contract 05-147-2M, HVAC Improvements, in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost \$4,000,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1265189
Approved

- 30 [09-0124](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-942-11 Job Order Contracting Services, estimated cost: \$4,000,000.00, Account 101,201,401-VAR-VAR

Deleted by the Executive Director

Issue Purchase Order

- 31 [09-0051](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 08-RFP-03 Geographic Information System Consulting Services, with Baker Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,888,500.00, Account 101-66000-601100/601170 Requisition 1264021

Approved

- 32 [09-0056](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Dionex Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Preventive Maintenance and Repair Services for the DX-600 Ion Chromatography System and the DX-120 Ion Chromatography System at the Lue-Hing Research and Development Complex, in an amount not to exceed \$27,791.46, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1262478

Approved

- 33 [09-0058](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Rodney Hunt Company, to Furnish and Deliver Repair Spare Parts and Provide Services for Allis Chalmers Cone Valves at the Mainstream Pumping Station, in an amount not to exceed \$167,000.00, Account 101-69000-612600, Requisitions 1252937 and 1253637

Approved

- 34 [09-0085](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company for professional engineering services for various projects, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, Account 201-50000-601440, Requisition 1254335

Approved

- 35 [09-0123](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Lexington Lion Chicago GP LLC, for maintenance, operation, and capital repairs of the common areas located at 111 East Erie Street, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00, Account 101-15000-612390, Requisition 1259034

Approved

Award Contract

- 36 [09-0059](#) Authority to award Contract 09-870-11, Janitorial Services at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, to Dainty Cleaning Service, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, Account 101-68000-612490, Requisition 1249360

Approved

- 37 [09-0060](#) Authority to award Contract 09-695-11, Services of Tractor Mounted Paddle Aerators with Operators for Material Handling at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area and the Calumet Solids Management Area, Groups A and B to Bechstein-Klatt, in an amount not to exceed \$420,000.00, Account 101-66000-612250, Requisitions 1252909 and 1252087

Approved

- 38 [09-0065](#) Authority to award Contract 08-009-11 Furnish and Deliver Cloths, Paper Towels, and Toilet Tissue to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period for Group C, to Laport, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$26,578.00, Account 101-20000-623660

Approved

- 39 [09-0087](#) Authority to award Contract 09-930-11, Elevator Maintenance at Various Locations in the Stickney Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$249,000.00, Account 101-69000-612680, Requisition 1254309

Approved

- 40 [09-0088](#) Authority to award Contract 08-831-11, Services to Upgrade and Maintain the Elevator at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Parkway Elevators, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$406,386.00, Account 101-68000-612680, Requisition 1240075

Approved

- 41 [09-0095](#) Authority to award Contract 08-655-11, Manhole Repairs at Various Service Areas, to Northwest General Contractors, in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00, Account 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612600, Requisitions 1232468, 1235335, 1233481

Approved

- 42 [09-0096](#) Authority to award Contract 09-041-11 Furnish and Deliver Data Storage Cartridges to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period to Malelo and Company, in an amount not to exceed \$73,336.40, Account 101-20000-623810

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 43 [09-0034](#) Authority to decrease purchase order to Hewlett Packard Company, to Furnish and Deliver New and Replacement Computer Hardware, Software and Maintenance in an amount of \$7,219.32, from an amount of \$1,900,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,892,780.68, Account 101-27000-612820,623810,634810,634820, Purchase Order 3040584

Approved

- 44 [09-0035](#) Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 07-428-11 Furnishing and Delivering Three (3) Fleet Vehicles, to Terry's Ford Lincoln Mercury of Peotone, in an amount of \$17,961.58, from an amount of \$35,289.53 to an amount not to exceed \$17,327.95, Account 101-15000-634860, Purchase Order 3048626

 Approved
- 45 [09-0036](#) Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 05-400-11 Furnish and Deliver Police Uniforms for a Three-Year Period, to Ray O'Herron Co. of Oakbrook Terrace, Inc., in an amount of \$8,811.98, from an amount of \$64,619.52, to an amount not to exceed \$55,807.54, Account 101-15000-623700, Purchase Order 3035079

 Approved
- 46 [09-0037](#) Authority to increase Contract 05-408-11 Provide Janitorial Services to the Main Office Building Complex for a Three-Year Period, to Smith Maintenance Company in an amount of \$38,500.00, from an amount of \$1,403,219.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,441,719.00, Accounts 101-15000-612370 and 101-15000-612390, Purchase Order 5000456

 Approved
- 47 [09-0039](#) Authority to decrease Contract 05-424-11 Provide Hazardous Waste Disposal Services to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District from January 1, 2005 Through December 31, 2007, to Onyx Environmental Services, LLC (d/b/a Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC) in an amount of \$7,611.25, from an amount of \$220,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$212,388.75, Account 101-15000-612520, Purchase Order 5000321

 Approved
- 48 [09-0041](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Wingo Service Company, Inc., for services to maintain the FPM/ATMI ammonia analyzers at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in an amount of \$15,145.00, from an amount of \$22,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$7,355.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Purchase Order 3041391

 Approved
- 49 [09-0042](#) Authority to decrease Contract 04-125-3S (Re-Bid), Upper Des Plaines Pumping Station Rehabilitation and TARP Connection, SSA, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen and Associates LLC, in an amount of \$3,016,653.00, from an amount of \$11,756,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$8,739,347.00, Accounts 401-50000-645600 and 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 5000812

 Approved

- 50 [09-0049](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with James T. Dencek, for administrative services relating to the Board of Commissioners' activities in an amount of \$23,172.01, from an amount of \$149,374.20, to an amount not to exceed \$126,202.19, Account 101-11000-601170, Purchase Order 3048469

Approved

- 51 [09-0052](#) Authority to decrease Contract 08-845-12 Furnishing a Slackline Cableway/Clamshell System and Dredge Loading System with Crews in the Calumet Service Area, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount of \$52,981.55, from an amount of \$180,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$127,018.45, Account 101-66000-612520, Purchase Order 5000862

Approved

- 52 [09-0053](#) Authority to decrease Contract 08-405-11 Furnishing Various Temporary Personnel Services to Various Locations for a Three Year Period, to Professional Dynamic Network, Inc., in an amount of \$16,022.85, from an amount of \$564,894.68, to an amount not to exceed \$548,871.83, Accounts 101-66000-612490, Purchase Order 3049974

Approved

- 53 [09-0054](#) Authority to decrease Contract 07-616-11, Services to Maintain Switchgear Equipment at Various Locations, to Magnetech Power Services, LLC, in an amount of \$11,434.75, from an amount of \$269,592.00 to an amount not to exceed \$258,157.25, Accounts 101-69000-612650, 101-68000/67000-612600, Purchase Orders 5000738, 5000739 and 5000740

Approved

- 54 [09-0057](#) Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 05-301-11, Group Term Life Insurance for 2059 MWRD Employees for a Three Year Period, to George Insurance Agency Inc., WA, in an amount of \$11,342.48, from an amount of \$393,811.20, to an amount not to exceed \$382,468.72, Account 101-25000-601250, 201-50000-601250, 401-50000-601250, 501-50000-601250 Purchase Order 3032216

Approved

- 55 [09-0074](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Power Measurement USA, Inc., for services to maintain Pegasys Data Acquisition System at the Pump and Blower House at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$12,332.81, from an amount of \$45,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$32,667.19, Account 101-69000-612650, Purchase Order 3033861

Approved

- 56 [09-0086](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with MWH Americas, Inc. for developing the Upper Salt Creek Detailed Watershed Plan-Phase B, in an amount of \$58,100.00, from an amount of \$588,847.00 to an amount not to exceed \$646,947.00, Account 501-50000-601410, Purchase Order 3046213

Approved

- 57 [09-0089](#) Authority to increase Contract 91-177-AE Computer and Instrumentation Control Room at Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Divane Brothers Electric Company, in an amount of \$289,705.00, from an amount of \$41,001,063.26 to an amount not to exceed \$41,290,768.26, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000594

Approved

- 58 [09-0091](#) Authority to decrease Contract 98-802-2P, Process Control Systems at Hanover Park, Kirie and Egan Water Reclamation Plants, to Divane Brothers Electric Company in an amount of \$18,425.00, from an amount of \$27,162,696.74 to an amount not to exceed \$27,144,271.74, Accounts 101-50000-612650, 201-50000-645650, and 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 3011237

Approved

- 59 [09-0092](#) Authority to increase Contract 03-296-3M Installation of Central Boiler Facility at Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$13,568.48, from an amount of \$28,956,968.66 to an amount not to exceed \$28,970,537.14, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000458

Approved

- 60 [09-0094](#) Authority to increase purchase order with W.W. Grainger, Inc., for Furnishing and Delivering Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Catalog Products, under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract #4014848, in an amount of \$53,500.00, from an amount of \$580,600.00, to an amount not to exceed \$634,100.00, Accounts 101-27000-623810 and 101-68000-623030/ 623090/ 623170/ 623680/ 623780/ 623990, Purchase Orders 3048587, 3048588, 3048589, 3048590, 3048591, 3048592, 3048593, and 3053245

Approved

- 61 [09-0098](#) Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 07-045-11 Publish Invitations to Bid for Contracts and Publish Legal Notices for Original Entrance and Promotional Civil Service Examinations and Other Legal Notices, to the Chicago Tribune Company, in an amount of \$13,670.87, from an amount of \$56,400.00 to an amount not to exceed \$42,729.13, Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 3047824

Approved

- 62 [09-0100](#) Authority to decrease Contract 08-693-11, Use of a Sanitary Landfill Site, to Land and Lakes Company, in an amount of \$182,598.49, from an amount of \$258,032.25, to an amount not to exceed \$75,433.76, Account 101-66000-612520, Purchase Order 5000835
Approved
- 63 [09-0101](#) Authority to increase Contract 04-RFP-09 Furnish and Deliver Four 72 MGD Pumps to the Calumet TARP Pumping Station, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to ITT A-C Pump, in an amount of \$87,063.57, from an amount of \$1,485,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,572,063.57, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 5000299
Approved
- 64 [09-0105](#) Authority to decrease Contract 06-688-11 Insulation Services at Various Locations, to M&O Insulation Company, in an amount of \$18,690.34, from an amount of \$37,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$18,309.66, Accounts 101-67000, 68000-612650, 612680, Purchase Orders 5000621 and 5000622
Approved
- 65 [09-0109](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement with Mr. William Piper of Riordan, Donnelly, Lipinski & McKee, Ltd. for legal services in connection with the Defense and Appeal in the Matter of S. Rebacz Excavating & Trucking v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Case No. 02 L 08178, in an amount of \$4,423.70, from an amount of \$17,486.22 to an amount not to exceed \$21,909.92. Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3047474
Approved
- 66 [09-0110](#) Authority to increase Contract 06-718-11 Services to Maintain and Repair Boilers at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to International Piping Systems, Inc., in an amount of \$12,790.63, from an amount of \$50,872.00, to an amount not to exceed \$63,662.63, Account 101-67000-612680, Purchase Order 5000487
Approved
- 67 [09-0111](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson to represent the District in the matter of Ellis et al. v. the District, No. 01 C 136, in an amount of \$83,422.58, from an amount of \$500,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$416,577.42, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3008912
Approved

- 68 [09-0112](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Hinshaw & Culbertson for legal representation of retired employee defendant John Farnan in the matter of Mark Thielen v. MWRDGC, et al., Case No. 06 C 6391, in an amount of \$34,495.50, from an amount of \$40,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$5,504.50, Account 101-3000-601170, Purchase Order 3043114
Approved
- 69 [09-0118](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Hinshaw & Culbertson for legal representation of retired employee defendant John Farnan in the matter of Arthur Pranis v. MWRDGC, et al., Case No. 07 C 5347, in an amount of \$27,739.27, from an amount of \$40,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$12,260.73, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3048429
Approved
- 70 [09-0126](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Elliott Turbomachinery Company, Inc., for services of a field technician for Elliott blowers at the North Side WRP in an amount of \$35,500.00, from an amount of \$45,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Purchase Order 3042029
Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 71 [09-0024](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of December 2008
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 72 [09-0018](#) Authority to accept and execute Permit 08-08-730-C from the Cook County Highway Department for the Upper Des Plaines 14A Rehabilitation, NSA (ROW File 8, Contract 06-359-3S)
Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 73 [09-0045](#) Report on ComEd's Energy Cooperative Programs at MWRDGC Facilities
Published and Filed

- 74 [09-0097](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Chief of Maintenance and Operations during the month of December 2008.

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 75 [09-0044](#) Authorization to execute Rider CLR7, ComEd's customer agreement, for voluntary electricity curtailment at the District's six largest facilities: the Stickney, Calumet, North Side, Kirie, and Egan Water Reclamation Plants and the Mainstream Pumping Station, for the period between June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010.

Approved

Pension, Personnel Relations & Civil Service Committee

Report

- 76 [09-0033](#) Report on Retiree Drug Subsidy (RDS) Payment for 2007

Published and Filed

Public Information & Education

Report

- 77 [09-0122](#) Report on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held on October 11, 2008

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 78 [09-0075](#) Authority to enter into settlement agreement with Koch Materials, LLC (Koch), on behalf of former District tenant Chemical Petroleum Exchange, Inc. (CPE), for the payment of \$450,000.00 to the District in return for discharge of tenant's obligations to complete remaining environmental clean-up at its former leasehold site

President O'Brien lifted his earlier deferral

Approved

- 79 [09-0076](#) Authority to issue a 1-year permit extension to Friends of the Chicago River to access vacant District land located along the west bank of the North Branch of the Chicago River, adjacent to Horner Park, between Montrose Avenue and Irving Park Road in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on which to clean up and plant native species. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00
- Approved**
- 80 [09-0078](#) Authority to issue a five-year permit to the City of Chicago for use of seven TARP dropshafts, to receive emergency snowmelt discharges from snow-melting machines as part of the Emergency Snow Removal Plan for the Chicago Loop Area. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.
- Approved**
- 81 [09-0084](#) Authority to issue a 45-day permit to Tetra Tech EM, Inc. to access District land located south of Indian Ridge Marsh between Torrence Avenue, the Calumet River, and the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, to conduct soil borings. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00
- Approved**

Research & Development Committee

Authorization

- 82 [09-0012](#) Authority to Subscribe to the Water Environment Research Foundation for 2009 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$117,300.00 Account 101-15000-612280 (Corporate Fund)
- Approved**

State Legislation & Rules Committee

Authorization

- 83 [09-0019](#) Recommendation for the State of Illinois 2009 Legislative Program
- Approved**
- 84 [09-0073](#) Recommendations for the State of Illinois 2009 Legislative Program
(Deferred from the January 8, 2009 Board Meeting)
- Gloria Majewski called for a motion to amend this item decreasing the emergency authorization from \$100,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Refer to Agenda Item #94, File ID #09-0073A*
- A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Agenda Item be Amended. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

Aye: 6 - Frank Avila, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

Miscellaneous and New Business

Resolution

- 85 [09-0119](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week

Adopted

Ordinance

- 86 [009-001](#) Ordinance O09-001 providing for the issuance of \$258,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; authorizing and providing for related Loan Agreements with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency providing for loans from the Revolving Loan Fund, and such other documents as may be necessary; and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the interest on and principal of said Bonds

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Frank Avila, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

Additional Agenda Items

- 87 [09-0125](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-774-11 Furnish, Deliver and Install a Plant Entrance Sign at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$36,000.00, Account 101-67000-612420, Requisition 1261204

Approved

- 88 [09-0127](#) MOTION to appoint Charles R. Vaughn as a Lobbyist for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Adopted

- 89 [09-0128](#) MOTION to appoint Miguel A. Santiago as a Lobbyist for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Adopted

- 90 [09-0129](#) MOTION to appoint Paul L. Williams as a Lobbyist for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Adopted
- 91 [09-0130](#) MOTION to appoint Gabriel Lopez & Associates as a Lobbyist for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (*As Revised*)
Adopted
- 92 [09-0131](#) MOTION to appoint the firm of Edward F. McElroy and Associates as Public Relations Consultant for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Adopted
- 93 [09-0133](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Thaddeus S. Lechowicz
Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 14, 30, 84, and 86

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Frank Avila, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

- 94 [09-0073A](#) I move that Item #84 be amended to the affect that the emergency authorization to the Executive Director stated in Item #84 be decreased from \$100,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Refer to Agenda Item #84, File ID #09-0073

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Frank Avila, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Kathryn A. Gray, PE, Chairman of National Engineers Week accepted the Resolution recognizing National Engineers Week. (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item 85)

George Blakemore, a private citizen, voiced concern that contracts are awarded to companies that employ legal US citizens and suggested the District recruit and hire a more diverse civil engineering staff. (Re: Purchasing Item 36 and Miscellaneous and New Business Item 85)

Ted Kosowski, Human Resources Manager of the Labor and Employee Relations Section recognized and thanked the District's Collective Bargaining Team for their work on the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Cynthia M. Santos and Kathleen T. Meany recognized and thanked the Union Representatives for their work on the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Summary of Requests

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President O'Brien requested a written report be distributed to the Board including but not limited to a breakdown of the October 11, 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Collection cost. (Re: Public Information and Education Item 77)

Study Session

James Dencek will survey the Board Members for a mutually convenient date to schedule a study session to discuss (1) the multiple used to calculate the annual tax levy and (2) biosolids.

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2009, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: January 26, 2009

Date Board letters are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 29, 2009

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk

Aye: 6 - Frank Avila, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this January 22, 2009, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien

President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

January 22, 2009